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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SENV, PBOR, EFIS, CA

SUBJECT: U.S.-CANADA MARITIME BOUNDARIES

REF: OTTAWA 4789

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY FRUSTRATED WITH UNWILLINGNESS ON PART OF GOC TO MEET ON MARITIME BOUNDARIES.
2. PRIOR TO MEETING BETWEEN JAMIESON AND KISSINGER IN BRUSSELS ON DECEMBER 9, LEGAL ADVISER LEIGH THREE TIMES REQUESTED BOUNDARY MEETINGS WITH CANADIAN COUNTERPARTS. EACH TIME, THE INVITATION HAS DECLINED. AS NOTED IN REF-TEL, GOC BUREAUCRATS SEEM TO BE TRYING TO UNGLUE UNDER-CONFIDENTIAL

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STANDINGS OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 15.

3. AT MEETING BETWEEN JAMIESON AND KISSINGER ON DECEMBER 9, FISHERIES/BOUNDARIES WERE BRIEFLY DISCUSSED. JAMIESON AT FIRST WAS OF VIEW THAT LAWYERS HAD BEEN MEETING ON BOUNDARY ISSUES, BUT SECRETARY MADE CLEAR THIS WAS NOT CORRECT AND THAT, INDEED, BEASLEY SEEMED TO BE GOING SLOW

ON THE MATTER. RESULT OF THAT MEETING WE UNDERSTOOD TO BE THAT JAMIESON HAD AGREED LAWYERS SHOULD MEET URGENTLY IN ORDER TO MOVE BOUNDARY TALKS FORWARD.

4. HOWEVER, CANADIAN SIDE HAS STILL NOT AGREED TO COMMENCE BOUNDARY NEGOTIATIONS. MONROE LEIGH HAS SEVERAL TIMES PHONED COPITHORNE BUT HE INDICATES HE IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE. MOREOVER GOC ON DECEMBER 22 DELIVERED NOTE TO DEPARTMENT (POUCHED OTTAWA) NOT ONLY REAFFIRMING ITS STATED POSITION IN EACH MARITIME BOUNDARY AREA BUT ALSO RESERVING RIGHTS IN AREAS BEYOND ITS EQUI-DISTANCE CLAIMS. THIS GOC ACTION, WHICH IN A SENSE EN-

LARGES ITS LEGAL POSITION, IN OUR VIEW IS REGRESSIVE AND INCONSISTENT WITH COOPERATIVE PURSUIT OF MUTUALLY AGREEABLE NEGOTIATED LINES.

5. IN VIEW OF OUR INABILITY TO MOVE GOC FORWARD ON THIS ISSUE AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO SEEK MEETING WITH JAMIESON IMMEDIATELY AFTER LATTER'S RETURN TO OTTAWA JANUARY 5 ON MARITIME BOUNDARY ISSUE. YOU SHOULD DRAW ON ABOVE TO UNDERLINE FOR JAMIESON USG DISAPPOINTMENT AT AND INABILITY TO UNDERSTAND PERSISTENT GOC FAILURE TO INITIATE MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS OF COMPROMISE BOUNDARY LINE AND ASK JAMIESON FOR EXPLANATION WHY, DESPITE PREVIOUS UNDERSTANDINGS, AUTHORIZATION HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE GULF OF MAINE BOUNDARY.

6. IN ADDITION TO REPORT ON JAMIESON MEETING, DEPARTMENT CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF BASIS AND OBJECTIVES OF CANADIAN INTRANSIGENCE AND YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER ACTION. RESPONSE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE BEFORE COB JANUARY 6 (PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF LEGAL ADVISER FOR OTTAWA FOR MEETING JANUARY 7 ON UNRELATED ISSUE) WOULD BE APPRECIATED.  
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